

Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting held by the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall, Riverhead, New York on Tuesday, January 16, 1990 at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Monique Gablenz, Deputy Supervisor
John Lombardi, Councilman
Denise Civiletti, Councilwoman
Victor Prusinowski, Councilman
James Stark, Councilman

Also Present: Irene J. Pendzick, Town Clerk

Absent: Joseph Janoski, Supervisor
Patricia Moore, Town Attorney

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz, "Unfortunately, Supervisor Janoski is not feeling well tonight. So it's my turn and therefore, I call the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Councilman Lombardi offered the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Prusinowski.

Resolved, that the Minutes of Regular Board Meeting held January 2, 1990 be and are hereby approved and dispensed without objection.

The vote, Prusinowski, yes, Stark, yes, Civiletti, yes, Lombardi, yes, Janoski, absent.

The resolution was thereupon duly declared adopted.

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz, "Would the Town Clerk please read the reports."

REPORTS

Tax Receiver: Total collections as of January 11, 1990,
\$12,932,860.41. Filed

Sewer District: Discharge Monitoring Report for November,
1989. Filed

ERM Northeast: Mining Permit Application, Landfill. Filed

Building Dept.: Annual report for 1989 and Monthly Report
for December 1989. Filed

Young & Young: Howell M. Reeve Park Study. Filed

Planning Board: Approval of reduction of performance bond
for Manor Lane Estates and approval of preliminary plat of
Jake Watral. Filed

Open Bid Report - Office Equipment & Supplies.

Filed

Bid Date: January 8, 1990.
4 Bids Submitted

#1 NAME: Legend Office Furniture
ADDRESS: Quogue, NY
TOTAL BID: see file for items bid

#2 NAME: Patchogue Stationery
ADDRESS: Patchogue, NY
TOTAL BID: see file for items bid

#3 NAME: North Shore Business Products
ADDRESS: Aquebogue, NY
TOTAL BID: see file for items bid

#4 NAME: Echo Stationery
ADDRESS: Long Beach, NY
TOTAL: see file for items bid

Open Bid Report - 2 Dump Trucks/Highway Dept.

Filed

Bid Date: January 16, 1990
2 Bids Submitted

#1 NAME: Trux of Suffolk
ADDRESS: Riverhead, NY
TOTAL BID: \$67,812/net price
\$71,312/net price

#2 NAME: Otis Ford Inc.
ADDRESS: Quogue, NY
TOTAL BID: \$69,654/net price
\$71,554/net price

Open Bid Report - Sewer/Scavenger Waste Chemicals.
(See Scavenger Waste Minutes).

Filed

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz, "Thank you. And the applications please."

APPLICATIONS & PETITIONS

Petition: Parviz Farahzad for water extension for subdivision of "Sunwood", Wading River. Filed

Petition: Splish-Splast at Adventure Island for water extension, Route 25, Calverton. Filed

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz, "Thank you. And the correspondence please."

CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Robert Pugh, 1/3/90: Strongly objecting to rise in taxes. Filed

S.C. Dept. of Planning, 1/9/90: If no resolution of objection re: Southampton Local Law #27-1989 received by 1/2/90, it will be assumed there is none. Filed

m/m Stanley Yakaboski & Albin Yakaboski: Observing that a severe traffic problem would be created by the establishment of Splish-Splash. Filed

Troy Gustavson, 12/27/89: Listing several points why News Review should remain the official newspaper for the Town of Riverhead. Filed

Allen Smith, 1/10/90: Requests meeting with Town Board and Mr. Young re: road elevations at Mesta Vista. Filed

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz, "Thank you. The hour of the first public hearing has not yet arrived. Is there anybody who wishes to address the Board on any matter? Mr. Haizlip."

Steve Haizlip, Calverton, "Reading in the News Review that Mr. Janoski is going to set himself up as a ARTP and a DO. Now to go into depth to explain that, he would be known as the Riverhead Town Property and Dispersing Officer. I think it's about time that that move came along because as the old philosophy goes, if we don't get some control on some of the department heads or department leaders, it's a philosophy like come easy, go easy. So I'm glad that he's initiating this and I think it's a good idea. The next thing I have on my mind and I know that probably Mr. Stark and Mr. Prusinowski is not going to think any more of me or any less of me. But reading in the News Review, I'd like to know why is this Mrs. Fenton be letting go? There's a lady that worked 7 years here and you just come along and you disrupt life and jobs for it. I know what it is. My son-in-law is in the same boat. Three years he worked in a place as directive security. New people come in and he gets the boot

because they want to bring in their people. I don't think that's fair and I don't like it and I think that the woman got a bad deal. And like I said, will you think more of me or less of me, I spoke. So Vic, I think you came in with your 44 and you're shooting up everybody."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz, "Is there anybody else who wishes to address the Board? Mrs. Graff. I'm sorry Mr. Walsh. I recognized Mrs. Graff first."

Alice Graff, Riverhead, "It is my understanding that the tax department is no longer able to send out reminders to people about the second payment that would be due. It is my understanding that this is a cost to the town of \$600. We have a great number of senior citizens. Wouldn't it be more advantageous to remind these senior citizens who not always remember times and dates because they go by so quickly, we can save \$600 by not getting that stamp money to the Tax Receiver but we can eliminate attorneys that have been working on the case which will probably end up costing the town two to three thousand dollars. To me, it's penny wise and a pound foolish. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz, "Thank you. Mrs. Graff, I'm sure that the Board will take your comments into consideration and see if there isn't another measure for us to remind people of that second payment that's more cost effective. Thank you. Mr. Walsh."

Cy Walsh, Riverhead, "We have a lot of increases or what have you in this dump bit. We're going to run into a problem with this landfill situation. And I was wondering, with the moneys collected from these different fees, where do they go? Do they go into the general fund or are you setting them aside to establish a little help for us taxpayers when we have to go into this general change in the landfill?"

Councilman Lombardi, "Cy, that goes into the general budget."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz, "It goes into the general town Mr. Walsh. The revenues collected for general town departments goes into the general town account. Any fees received or any collections made by the Water District or Sewer District, of course, go into benefit that special district because it is a special taxing district. But the revenues collected from other departments are used in the general town."

Cy Walsh, "Don't you think, Town Board, that it would be more better for the general public to have these fees that you're collecting now as a sort of fund to alleviate the extreme cost of this situation?"

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz, "I think that's what the Board is doing this year is trying to offset any additional tax increases to you by using those revenues to offset the expenses of the town."

Cy Walsh, "I think that's minimal to what it's going to cost us if you don't start to organize a special fund."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz, "Thank you. Yes."

Cathy Casey, Wading River, "I'm about to show my ignorance. Would somebody please advise me as to who this Mr. Parviz Farahzad is and where Sunwood is in Wading River?"

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz, "Well, Mr. Farahzad is an applicant who has made application to the Planning Department. And particularly, I couldn't tell you where Sunwood is. But I'm sure we'd be glad to give you a call tomorrow morning and let you know for certain."

Cathy Casey, "Is is a housing development that he's looking to build?"

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz, "Yes. A residential subdivision."

Cathy Casey, "And approximately from that, can you tell me where it is?"

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz, "It's at the corner of Hulse Landing and Sound Avenue. It's at the intersection of Sound Avenue and Wildwood Road in Wading River from the key on this water extension application."

Cathy Casey, "That sounds like the, it use to be called something else. All right, Hulse Landing and Sound Avenue."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz, "You can take a look at this if you like as to the location."

Cathy Casey, "Thank you very much. I'd like to do that. Also, I would like to know if anybody can tell me what the latest is if there is any latest information on the Joe Sullivan and the Oak Trailer Park situation. Is that strictly litigation? That's it? There's no standing in any way."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz, "There's been no change on that application."

Cathy Casey, "Ok, fair enough. One more quick thing. Several weeks ago I advised you that in the Town of Brookhaven, we have a gentleman who has requested a change of zone from (this is all in Wading River) A-Residential to NH-H which is Nursing Home Health Facility. The Wading River corridor in Brookhaven is currently zoned residential. We are again asking for the support of the Town of Riverhead with regards to keeping it zoned residential as opposed to... The problem is, once we get one section (we firmly believe) changed from residential to anything else, we stand to have the entire approximately three mile on both the north and south side of 25A open for complete rezoning and then we're going to wind up with shopping centers and all other kinds of commercial business. However, if anyone or all of

you on the Board do not feel with comfortable with stating that yes; you support our stand that we would like to see it remain A-Residential, we would ask you to possibly consider advising Brookhaven that you support their stand on land use which in Wading River, was supposed to be A-Residential. So in other words, instead of saying we support Wading River Civic Association and the Wading River residents, if you feel comfortable with staying with the positive side of Brookhaven's stand which has been (although they have not adopted it) their land use program which calls for A-Residential for Wading River corridor. So we would ask that if you would consider it and perhaps lend your support in one form or another. The other thing is just in case somebody might be interested, there is a public hearing being held on this change of zone on Thursday, January 25th at 7:00 p.m. at the Brookhaven Town Board Meeting room in building number 4 at the Brookhaven Town office complex located at 32-33 Route 112 in Medford. Anyone who would care to join us in supporting our stand for A-Residential to remain and or to communicate as such, we would very much appreciate it. Thank you very much."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz, "Thank you. Sherry."

Sherry Johnson, Manorville, "I'd like to just for a minute, talk about the designation of the official town newspaper which you voted on two weeks ago. I'm speaking for myself and probably for all the other residents who live in my area which include about 50 homes and 6 businesses. We receive the Mastic/Moriches edition of the Suffolk Life which does not print the Riverhead legal notices. We were wondering if, I was wondering specifically if it could be printed in that edition or if we could receive them by mail because we have no way of getting the notices."

Councilman Prusinowski, "If you supply the paper with the addresses and zip codes that you live in, we can switch the editions for you. That can be done within two weeks. That's all computerized."

Sherry Johnson, "Ok, I'll get them to you Vic. Thank you."

Councilwoman Civiletti, "Vic, does that same problem occur in Wading River? Does Wading River get a Brookhaven edition?"

Councilman Prusinowski, "In fact, in Wading River it's the opposite. There are several residents in Brookhaven who live in the Shoreham area and receive the Riverhead edition."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz, "We have one minute left. Is there anybody else who wishes to address the Board? Mr. Benedict. I'll recognize you after the public hearing Mr. Schmelzer."

Dick Benedict, Fanning Boulevard, "I'd just like to say that I was glad to read in the paper also that Joe is tightening up on budgets but I would like to make a couple of suggestions too. I don't know how many of you know but I'm sure most of you

know that we had a near riot at the Teen Center the other night. Rock throwing and we had Southampton Police, State Police, Riverhead Police, Suffolk County Police standing by and again Timothy Hill Children was mentioned again. I don't know what kind of permit they got and how long we're going to put up with them. But there are 106 acres there off the tax roll. And as near as I can see, they distribute nothing to this town. And second of all, I've asked two hunting seasons in a row, I've asked that maybe we ban small game hunting from Edwards Avenue east like other towns and our police wouldn't be spending every weekend from November through the end of February doing the D.E.C.'s job of chasing people off private land because this is all expensive. It's our gas, our cars, our officers and it's really not our job. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz, "Thank you Mr. Benedict. Let the hour show that 7:45 has arrived. Will the Town Clerk please read the notice of public hearing."

PUBLIC HEARING - 7:45 P.M.

I have affidavits of publishing and posting of a public hearing to be held at Riverhead Town Hall on Tuesday, January 16, 1990 at 7:45 p.m. to hear all interested persons who wish to be heard regarding: **Public Use of Municipal Facilities.**

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz, "This is an annual public hearing that's held as normal course at the second Board meeting of the year. Is there anyone who wishes to address the Board on this particular matter? That being the case and there being no objection, I declare the hearing closed."

7:45 PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 7:46

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz, "Let the record show that the hour of 7:46 has arrived. Will the Town Clerk please read the notice of public hearing."

PUBLIC HEARING - 7:45 P.M.

I have affidavits of publishing and posting for a public hearing to be held at Riverhead Town Hall on Tuesday, January 16, 1990 at 7:45 p.m. to hear all interested persons who wish to be heard regarding: **Community Development Block Grant Application for 1990.**

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz, "We have with us tonight our Community Development Director, Andrea Lohneiss and she'd just like to make a brief statement explaining the purpose of this public hearing."

Andrea Lohneiss, C.D. Director, "The purpose of this public hearing tonight is to solicit comments from Riverhead citizens concerning the development of the proposed Community Development Block Grant Application for 1990. The Small Cities Community Block Grant Program is administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development which provides funds to eligible

local governments for specific Community Development activities. The Town of Riverhead competes annually for available funds and has been successful by selecting for inclusion in their application those activities which have the greatest benefit to low and moderate income persons and or aide in the elimination of slum and blight. Several of the town's ongoing activities are housing rehabilitation, economic development and affordable housing. There's a list at the front of all eligible activities and I'd like to invite anyone wishing to comment on the proposed application or on any active Community Development Block Grant activity to do so. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz, "Thank you. Is there anyone who wishes to address the Board on this particular matter? Mr. McKnight."

Warren McKnight, Wading River, "In reference to this community grant, I think it's all well and good and fine. But if we do not attract good paying jobs out here for people, this will only attract independently poor people from the county meaning welfare people out here and burning our tax rolls and won't be productive. As I said before and I say again, we sure need affordable housing but we need some good paying jobs to go with it and we need.... The Democrats here have started a plan with economic development. They have to set a time table and let the public know. I read it in the paper. Is that correct Mr. Lombardi. And the Republicans, you've mentioned time and again that you're going out to solicit business. We have to set a time table on this. This is the most important thing in town. I'd also like to note that I wrote...."

Councilman Stark, "What paper was that in Warren?"

Warren McKnight, "It might have been in one or the other. It might have even been in my paper. The Traveler Watchman, right. I just read the papers every Thursday when they come out or Wednesday."

Councilman Stark, "I didn't read it in the Traveler Watchman last week. So it must be in this week."

Warren McKnight, "Well, it should be advertised more because we need more of that."

Councilman Stark, "You must have had a preshow than."

Warren McKnight, "No it was Thursday. I either buy it at the deli or elsewhere."

Councilwoman Civiletti, "Jim, it was in last Thursday's Traveler Watchman. I saw that today."

Warren McKnight, "It's very important to the future of this town. I also wrote a letter to the North Fork Environmental Council, a two-page letter on November 23rd stressing the importance of jobs for people in reference to the environment. I have this letter here. I sent it November 23rd and I received a

letter on January 12th from Ronnie Wicker. She devoted four lines to my letter. It is very important because all the money from the state whether it be for persons like myself training people like Hazeltine where there are no jobs. We have to make it, we have to attract business and industry here. Without this, all this is, Riverhead is going downhill. And it's great that she's doing this. This is the message we have to send. We all have to work together to correct these problems. There are more children out here that do not have medical coverage, benefits like Blue Cross and Blue Shield at any proportion than any other place on Long Island. That means people can't take their children to dentists and doctors or anything else. This is an important thing and we all can not ignore it. So please folks, let's work together and try and get some decent industry here. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz, "Mr. McKnight, we appreciate your comments. One small part of the work of the Community Development office has been the economic development long fund program which is used to attract new businesses to the town and also to encourage expansion of existing businesses which means more jobs. So we do recognize what you're saying and we will certainly do what we can to attract more businesses to the Town of Riverhead."

Warren McKnight, "Yes ma'am. But you need a time table, proper zoning. We have to protect the environment. So in other words, when a business is going to invest time and money to move here, they have to see well, I can get a yes or no answer three to six months down the road and people are going to cooperate in a logical manner."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz, "We recognize that. There are a lot of elements that work together to form one whole picture. Thank you."

Warren McKnight, "Well, I'd like a further comment. One thing that has been gnawing on me the Swan Restaurant. They have a sign. I spoke to this gentleman. It's been two years. He says he can't work with this town and the town can't work with him. Maybe he's impossible to work with. I don't know but he has a beautiful restaurant in Smithtown. He has a sign in there which was boarded up by Greg Blass signs during the election. It came down and now the windows are broken. He still has a sign in there saying he's trying to work with the Riverhead Town but they won't work with us. I think we're sending a message."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz, "On that Mr. McKnight, I hate to use that as a judgment for what Riverhead does with their business community because that is a specific application that we've worked long and hard to try to come to a conclusion on and is very specific with its problems. I think the Town Board members who have been here in the years passed, will tell you that we have really done as much as we can to work with the gentleman. We continue to do so but unfortunately we seem to be at a point where we can't bring it to conclusion. We hope now that we are close and we will continue to work with him. But

please don't use that as a measure of what the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead does with the business community."

Warren McKnight, "I'm not using it as a measure but people driving to Wading River see that man's sign. And I do take surveys of people about do you want to start businesses in Riverhead because I do go out actively and select businesses to come here because I do want people to have jobs. And some of the people say that Riverhead is a tough town to deal with. I'm just telling you what other people say."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz, "I appreciate it. Thank you. Mr. Goldman."

Rob Goldman, Riverhead, "I'll just be brief. In regards to number 18; assistance to private non-profit entities and neighborhood based non-profit organizations. I know that \$400,000 does not go very far but I would ask the Community Development office and the Board to consider some help to the Riverhead/Southampton Community Center on Flanders Road who have had to close their doors because of a county budget cut. This is a center that does serve Riverhead youth and deserves some of our support. The other item that is eligible for studies is number 24, environmental studies. And as we have been urging the Board for the past two and a half years that some funds be set aside perhaps in a matching amount to do an environmental study, an accumulative study on the entire Saw Mill Creek system and I request that as an N.F.E.C. Board member. So thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz, "Thank you. Mr. Benedict."

Dick Benedict, Fanning Boulevard, "Since these grants are supposed to for the good of all the town's people, I would like to suggest if possibly we use it for a feasibility study for the western sewer plant since we're looking to get industry in here and it's going to cost a lot of money for a study for the sewer plant possibly in Calverton or the Wading River area. Maybe some of this money could go to environmental studies or whatever studies we need to get our industry in there. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz, "Thank you. Yes sir."

Herman Bishop, Twomey, Latham, Shea & Kelly, "We represent Rollin and Olga Hargis of Roll-in Mobile Home Park with respect to the mobile park located on River Road in Calverton. The park consists of 108 units with mobile homes occupied by senior citizens 55 years and older. And in fact, the park is one of the few sources of affordable for low income senior citizens in this area. Approximately 90 to 95% of the individuals who are in this park who are senior citizens earn less than \$15,000 a year and the relief we're seeking is that we be considered in the application for the block grant to connect the park to public water. We are asking to be considered activity inclusive of the application. The property is located as most Board members know, in Calverton. On the north is the Long Island Expressway, east is Route 25. To the south is River Road and to the west is vacant land and a large fresh water pond. It was purchased in

1964 by the Hargis's who now have 108 units. One hundred and six of the tenants in the units are 55 years and older. There are approximately twenty individuals who are between the ages of 55 and 64. There are 59 individuals who are between the ages of 65 and 79 and there are 27 individuals who are 80 years old and older and 25 of these residents presently receive tax exemptions from the town based on age eligibility. And we believe many many more would be able to have this exemption as well if they knew about it or exercised their rights with respect to that. The lots on the Hargis park rent from between \$170 a month to \$260 a month depending on the size of the lots. And of course, the senior citizens own their own mobile home and pay for their own utilities except for water which is provided for by the Hargis' and that is the point of this application tonight. The present water supply system is not public water but is a private pump and well self contained system and which was installed in the park when it was first developed in 1964 and was approved in 1964. Recently Mr. Hargis has been advised by the Board of Health that this water supply system does not comply with Article VI of the Sanitary Code of the County of Suffolk. And I would submit for the Board's consideration a letter from our engineer who has had conversations with the Board of Health particularly with Peter Akress of the Board of Health and Mr. Paul Pontero of the Water Supply section of the Health Department. Mr. Akress indicates in the letter as Mr. Mulnar who is our engineer and is also a hydrologist and who has explored this area extensively with the Board of Health Services, Mr. Akress has indicated that the present system definitely fails to comply with the present standards. Mr. Mulnar, our engineer, also discussed this with Mr. Pontero of the Water Supply Section of the Health Department and he also indicated that not only did it not comply with Article VI of the Sanitary Code but it didn't comply with the New York State code. In order to comply with what is termed ten State Code requirements which apparently were adopted by the State of New York. There is a long list of things that don't comply with this water supply system. Mr. Pontero has also indicated to Mr. Hargis that the Department of Health intended to compel Mr. Hargis to upgrade his system or connect to public water in the near future. We have looked into upgrading the present water supply system and the cost in doing so, the private water system, (the cost) is just prohibitive. The estimations are in the cost of several hundred thousand dollars. The only alternative is to connect to public water which would cost in the neighborhood as indicated by the letter of Mr. Mulnar, it would cost in the neighborhood of \$125,000. However, Mr. Hargis would be forced to pass this cost on to these senior citizens who really can not afford to absorb this kind of cost. These senior citizens are mostly fixed income. They are under poverty level of income earning less than \$15,000 per year and many are barely able to make ends meet and to even meet their rental payments at this time. We've had trouble in that regard. Members of the Board, we believe that it's not fair that these approximately 200 low income senior citizens should bear the large expense to comply with the sanitary code although Mr. Hargis must comply with this code. It is also not fair, it is our contention that it is also not fair that these senior citizens do not have a water supply system that does comply with Board of Health

standards nor does it comply with the code requirements of the State of New York. In conclusion, the park can be connected for \$125,000 and we would respectively request that the installation of public water for these senior citizens be given a priority and that they be considered an activity to be included in the application of the Town of Riverhead Community Development Block Grant for the fiscal year 1990. This activity will serve the needs of many low income senior citizens who have worked hard all their lives, paid taxes, many of who have lived in this area for a long period of time and these individuals are not able to absorb the cost and the pass through that such a cost.... Well, they would not be able to absorb the cost that they would have to absorb if we were compelled to comply which we are compelled to. I would just point out that all too often we forget about our senior citizens. We talk about the future. We talk about the growth of Riverhead. We concern ourselves with the present and we are also so concerned with the future that we sometimes forget about the past and we forget about the individuals who lived in the past. And but for their hard work and their paying taxes and working hard and paying taxes and being good citizens, we would not be here today. Therefore, we would ask and respectively request that the Board take into consideration our statements and remarks. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz, "Thank you. Yes sir."

John Edelson, "I'm with Hallockville, Inc. I'm sure all of you are familiar with Hallockville and I'm sure you're aware that over the past ten years, Hallockville has developed into an important economic and historic resource for the Town of Riverhead. Our reputation is spread throughout New York State. Based on the quality of the work that we've done at Hallockville, we've received grants from the National Endowment from the Arts, the New York State Council for the Arts, the New York State Council of Humanities, Suffolk County Office of Cultural Affairs as well as many corporations and foundations. The quality of our work is well known not only because what we present is good but what people tell other people is good. We draw thousands of tourists throughout the year to our educational programs, our festivals, fairs, exhibits as well as the house itself. However, most of these funds that we receive go towards programs. As you know, capital program funds are very hard to get. However, Hallockville again, based on its excellent reputation, has received a grant from the New York State Council of the Arts for \$25,000 from their capital initiative grant program through the architectural planning and design program. This grant however, must be matched. It's for work that must be accomplished during the fiscal year of 1990. We have to complete the work for the Terry Hudson house by December 1990. And I'm here tonight asking for your support so that we might match this grant and accomplish the historic and preservation work that we've started on the Terry Hudson house. That's an important house that I'm sure if you've gone by Hallockville, you've seen this large structure that's been moved there recently. That's going to be an important part of our continued growth, our continued service to the people of Riverhead and to the people of Suffolk County. But we can only do it with your help. We ask

that we be considered and be included within your block grant application. You have a packet there too I believe. If you have any questions, we'd be glad to answer them. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz, "Thank you. Is there anybody else who wishes to address the Board? Yes, Steve."

Steve Haizlip, Calverton, "The 25 items that are listed on here, I only need one of them explained and that's number eight. The relocation and loss of rental income. I don't quite comprehend that. Could I get the director to explain that please?"

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz, "Sure. Andrea."

Andrea Lohneiss, "Relocation; part of any acquisition of any property for example, rehabilitation and resale possibly might involve the relocation of the tenant occupying the house. In such a situation, you must pay under federal law, relocation payment to the tenant. Another example is the acquisition of a home that's owner occupied and relocation payments of a greater amount are payable to the owner occupant."

Steve Haizlip, "Can I just comment back? In other words, if an occupant of a house is asked to vacate that house so it could be renovated to be made better, then this here grant will have to make up the loss that they were paying in the house before it came up for renovations. That's more or less what she said. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz, "Thank you. Is there anybody else who wishes to address the Board on this particular matter? Mr. Schmelzer. Are your comments with regard to this public hearing? Why don't you take the microphone then."

George Schmelzer, Calverton, "How much money is involved in this mooch?"

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz, "We're still waiting for the guidelines to be established. But as we understand, it's possibly going to be a maximum grant application of \$350,000 or \$400,000. We're still waiting for the final word to come down."

George Schmelzer, "You've got plenty of people waiting to get on the mooch I see."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz, "Well, we don't like to consider it that but if you have a specific project that you'd like the Town Board to consider in their application, I'm sure they certainly will."

George Schmelzer, "No. In the past, how successful has this kind of project been if it has ever been done before?"

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz, "We've directed these monies into a lot of different programs and we hope that the community believes that they've been very successful."

George Schmelzer, "Give me one example please."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz, "We've done the affordable housing project know as Silver Linings off of Osborn Avenue, 22 single family homes."

George Schmelzer, "You call them portable?"

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz, "Affordable."

George Schmelzer, "Affordable, I thought you said portable. What's the definition of affordable?"

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz, "There's certain income eligibility guidelines that must be met for people to qualify for purchasing the homes."

George Schmelzer, "You said 21 homes?"

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz, "Twenty-two single-family residences."

George Schmelzer, "How much money was involved?"

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz, "I'm not sure as to the exact number. There was some infrastructure costs associated and I'm not sure of exactly what the number was Mr. Schmelzer."

George Schmelzer, "Was it millions?"

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz, "Do you have a specific project that you'd like the Board to consider?"

George Schmelzer, "I like to make comparisons with what's gone on in the past. Because many times in various cities in the United States, they're going to get rid of their slums and all they do is move the slums. And I figure it might be a little bit of the same. There's no less slums in the country than there ever was but there's more money being spent. So not on the level of Washington D.C. or some other city but it's proportionate. Why don't you let people put mobile homes on their private lots and then you'd be doing something?"

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz, "Thank you for your comments Mr. Schmelzer."

George Schmelzer, "You require somebody to have.... You want people to have two acres in Wading River. They want everything zoned A and then they kick if anybody moves in. If you want it all residential, sure you're going to get more people. They don't want a nursing home, then the nursing home won't be in a business unless there's a demand for it. So what. It gives employment. It helps people and a place to go when they're infirmed in this area. So I don't know why they're against that. There seems to be a lot of hypocrisy around. I wonder about all the block grants. Maybe you call it block grants for the blockheads. I don't know. Anything to spend

public money. I don't see it really. There's so many restrictions on anybody putting on a house up. Like in Calverton, Phil Karlin told me it cost him \$16,000 a lot and he owned the land to start with, before the land is ready to sell. Can you imagine? You can buy a house and a lot with everything together for less than \$16,000 before. Not only in Riverhead but other towns, they put so much building costs into building a house that nobody can afford it."

Councilman Prusinowski, "George, I think basically what Monique is trying to tell you is that these monies have been available for a long time. About ten or twelve years. And believe me, they have had.... Like you, I share your concerns about the federal government giving away a lot of our money but these monies are available. And the Town of Riverhead, over the years, have made really good use of them. We've eliminated a lot of blights in downtown Riverhead, sign programs, affordable housing. If your philosophy is that this money should not be given out to the communities, then that's a matter for Al D'Amato and Moynihan and George Hochbrueckner, our local Congressman with President Bush because that's where the money comes from. This particular money comes from Washington. They're going to give it to somebody else. We applied for it and if we don't apply for it, some other town in New York State will get it."

George Schmelzer, "I don't know why you put your nose on the trough, some other pig will get it."

Councilman Prusinowski, "Well, in this particular case, that is the case and we might as well take the money and do some positive things for the Town of Riverhead."

George Schmelzer, "Maybe you can get a block grant to buy this patch of woods over here for a parking lot."

Councilman Prusinowski, "It can be used for that, for public purposes."

George Schmelzer, "There's got to be something better because sometimes people have to park on the highway here when we have a hot meeting. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz, "Thank you. Mr. Sykora."

Joseph Sykora, Riverhead, "President of the Mobile Home Association of Eastern Suffolk, Inc. I would like to see Mr. Hargis get the grant for the water so the senior citizens in Roll-in Park do not have to have their rents increased."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz, "Thank you. Is there anyone else who wishes to address the Board on this specific matter? Mr. McKnight."

Warren McKnight, "I'd like number eighteen, if somebody could explain that to me; reference to local development corporation or small business investment companies. If they could elaborate on the benefits for the town."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz, "Andrea would you?"

Andrea Lohneiss, "That activity is in lieu of making economic development loans to small businesses, we could in fact contract with a small business development corporation to do just that. Instead we have a loan program and we make loans directly to small businesses."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz, "That, Andrea, is particularly the economic development loan fund program, the revolving loan fund program that I spoke of earlier. That is particularly that program."

Warren McKnight, "Right. Is there any particular amounts? In other words, this would be excellent public relations for Riverhead. Is there any particular amounts that would be available to businesses or it's to be set? Compared from the past."

Andrea Lohneiss, "Currently under our economic development program guidelines, we have a maximum loan amount of \$50,000. A few years ago it was \$30,000. We found that the need was greater than that so it's now \$50,000."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz, "And the Board will specifically look at that, at an application as to the benefit to the community. So it could be in excess of \$50,000."

Andrea Lohneiss, "The primary consideration for an economic loan application would be the number of jobs it would create."

Warren McKnight, "Could I get a copy of this?"

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz, "I'm sure Andrea would be happy to provide it to you. Whatever marketing you can do for us would be wonderful."

Warren McKnight, "Fine, fine. On February 10th there is a small business entrepreneurship for women and minorities at Suffolk Community College. And perhaps Andrea or somebody from the town would like to attend it. It's sponsored by Boces I and Suffolk Community College. So all right fine. Maybe I'll see Andrea this week. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz, "Thank you. Is there anybody else who wishes to address the Board on this particular matter? That being the case and without further objection, I declare the hearing closed."

7:45 PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED AT 8:15

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz, "If we could start the resolutions please."

Resolutions #53-#69 found on pages 70-91 of the 1990 Resolution Book.

#64 AMENDS RESOLUTION NO. 867 ADOPTED DECEMBER 29, 1989,
APPOINTS PROVISIONAL TOWN ENGINEER".

Councilman Lombardi, "Before I vote on this I would just like to say as I said before; I have nothing against Mr. Testa and I think he's a very nice person. I think at this time we do not need an engineer at \$49,000 plus another \$5,000 insurance. With the economy the way it is, I think we have to start looking at things like that. I feel there is a time when we're going to need an engineer but this time is not it. The building in this town is dead right now. And I think that money like this could have been used towards the fees for the recreation and towards other fees. I vote no."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz, "That concludes the meeting. Mr. Benedict, would you like to be heard?"

Dick Benedict, Riverhead, "Yes, please. I realize everybody is in a hurry to get out but there's one thing I forgot to mention. I'd like to know if the sign on Woodcrest and 58 that says "Hitman Autobody" is in compliance with the town sign code. It looks like a 4 by 8 sheet of plywood in bright red letters. And every time I see it which is twice a day, I can't believe that sign is in compliance. It's been there for a while."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz, "I just noticed it myself yesterday. I think it's been brought...."

Councilman Lombardi, "I brought it to the attention of the Code Enforcement Officer. He's checking it out and they're working on it Dick."

Dick Benedict, "Thank you."


Councilman Stark, "It's a pretty good sign up there, Hitman."

Councilman Lombardi, "I got scared when I saw that sign."

Deputy Supervisor Gablenz, "Let the record show that the hour of 8:25 p.m has arrived and I declare the hearing closed. Thank you."

There being no further business on motion or vote, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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Town Clerk